



REMINDER:



VAPOR RECOVERY

ADVISORY

APRIL 2009 PHASE II DEADLINE HAS PASSED

This advisory pertains to gasoline dispensing facilities with underground storage tanks. These GDFs were to be upgraded to Enhanced Vapor Recovery Phase II systems by April 1, 2009.

As of early June, according to CARB, roughly 90% of all stations either had the equipment installed or had reached an agreement with their local air quality boards to get the work done by Dec. 31.

GDFs located within the MDAQMD's boundaries which are not in compliance with the Phase II EVRs will need to obtain permits, purchase EVR Phase II equipment and arrange for installation by a certified contractor in less than two years. There are only two EVR Phase II systems currently certified for use in California. The suppliers are prepared to meet the equipment demand; however, there may be a potential shortage of certified contractors if GDF operators wait too long to install these systems.

Other EVR Phase II systems are currently being tested and could be available soon, but there is no guarantee that any system currently in the certification process will successfully complete all performance and legal requirements to obtain California Air Resources Board certification.

Penalties have been limited to \$1,000 for those stations who failed to meet the April 1st deadline; the idea behind the penalty limit is to avoid putting laggard stations out of business without awarding any of them a free pass for missing the deadline. After all, more than half of the stations in the state fulfilled their responsibilities on time.

CONTRACTOR TRAINING/CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

Contractors who install EVR systems must receive required manufacturer training and/or certification. In addition, contractors will be required to obtain Installation Certified Contractor certification as an approved vapor recovery installer. Contractors will be required to provide proof of training/certification with District staff before beginning installation of EVR systems.

PERMIT REQUIREMENTS

Before beginning an EVR Phase II upgrade, you must apply for and receive an Authority to Construct permit for the District. For a GDF ATC application, or if you need of more information, please call the District office at 760-245-1661 or go to www.mdaqmd.ca.gov.

Detailed information on the EVR program can be found at the Air Resources Board web page: <http://www.arb.ca.gov/vapor/vapor.htm>.

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